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The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Office of Youth Services/Office of Youth Opportunities (OYO) brings you the Youth Opportunity Grant (YOG) Technical Assistance Update. On a bi-weekly basis, the update will provide important announcements and information for YOG sites, partners, and coaches.

Please let us know if these updates are useful to you and how it might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have information or items to contribute, or topics that you would like see covered, please contact Susan Rosenblum, Office of Youth Opportunities, at srosenblum@doleta.gov or (202) 693-3597.

Helping Youth Cope with Events of September 11, 2001: As are all Americans, the youth that we serve have been deeply effected by the horrific events of last Tuesday. Here are some resources that may assist you in working the youth at your center.

Peace Jam <http://www.peacejam.org/tutu/ulc1.html> has curriculum that addresses issues of violence, which can be adapted to discuss the current situation. All of the curriculum can be downloaded from the web.

Youth Service America at <http://www.ysa.org/> has put together links to resources and organizations to help youth make a difference in their communities and in this nation during this time of healing.

United States Department of Education has a site on their web-site "Helping Children Understand the Terrorist Attacks" which can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/inits/september11/index.html>

Baltimore YO! Youth from the East Side YO! Center have developed a project in response to the attack on America which will be a collection of poetry, short essays, and general comments from youth about their reactions to the Attack on America. They would like to reproduce the book and present it to the Mayors of both New York City and Washington DC, the families that have been affected and selected youth organizations. Please distribute the following letter to the youth in your center and invite them to participate:

Dear YO! Members:

In Response to the Attack against America, our youth have decided to let their voices be heard. Many of us want to do something to help but did not know what to do. We have come up with an idea that would allow youth across America to help those who have been affected by this tragedy. We decided to come together and let our voices be heard in the form of a book. The book will be a collection of poetry and statements that express our feeling about this tragedy. We need everyone's voices to make this book successful.

Please send all submission to HEBCAC Youth Opportunity Center 1212 North Wolfe Street, Baltimore MD 21213 or e-mail Reece_733@HotMail.com or urbanleadershipinstitute@yahoo.com by November 1, 2001.

Once the book is complete, we will have it published and ask companies to sponsor it so that we can give it to the families that have been affected. We need youth voices across America to speak out and help us make this project a reality. Please pass this information on. Thank you for your support.

*Maurice Morris
YO! Member at the East Baltimore Center*

Finally, we will be accepting poetry, art, and essays, etc. by YO! youth in response to last week's events which will be displayed on the Youth Corner's web site (<http://yomovement.doleta.gov/yocorner/index.cfm>) Please submit your information to DeEtta Roberson at droberson@doleta.gov.

Deadline Extended for Young Offender Initiative: Reentry and Demonstration Grant Program Applications

Please NOTE: Due to the tragic events of September 11, the following extensions for the Young Offender Initiative: Reentry and Demonstration Grant Program apply:

Young Offender Initiative: Reentry Grant Program – Deadline extended to Tuesday, October 9, 5 PM EST.

Young Offender Initiative: Demonstration Grant Program - Deadline extended to Tuesday, October 23, 2001, 4 PM EST.

The following

Office of Youth Services Welcomes Representatives from Umsobomvu Fund:

Lorenzo Harrison, Administrator, welcomed representatives of the Umsobomvu Youth Fund on Friday, September 14, 2001. The Umsobomvu Youth Fund was established by the South African government in 1998 to facilitate and promote the creation of jobs and skills development for South African youth. Malose Kekana, CEO, Afsaneh Tabrizi, COO, Richard Moloko, Board Member and Alan Zuckerman, Senior Advisor: Youth Programme are touring the United States to look at a variety of youth programs including Youth Build and City Year. On September 11 and 12 they visited the Memphis Job Corp Center and the Southeast Arkansas Youth Opportunity Center where they were treated to the YO! Youth Choir rendition of a South African folk song. On Friday, they met with Mr. Harrison to discuss youth employment programming offered by the Office of Youth Opportunity and were briefly introduced to Assistant Secretary Emily DeRocco.

Photos of YO! Programs: We are looking for photos that depict YO members engaged in a wide range of youth of development activities such as community service projects, work, sports and recreation, and academics for our website. If you have a photo that you would like to submit for posting on the OYS web site, please send us the following to Susan Rosenblum at srosenblum@doleta.gov.

1. Digital photo as a gif or jpg file.
2. Caption – one sentence that describes the activity in the photo.
3. **Forward, via mail** (Office of Youth Services, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, N-4511, Washington, DC 20210) **or fax** (202-693-3532) , **a copy of the signed “Authorization to Release Information” form to the OYO.** Please obtain the signature of the participant featured in the photo. If the participant is under 18 years of age, please obtain the participant’s signature, in addition to the signature of participant’s parent/legal guardian. In addition, please date the form. **The form is attached as the last page of this document.**
4. Photographer - Please identify the photographer, date of the photo, and indicate whether or not it is necessary to show the copyright symbol and date of copyright (e.g., Copyright 2000 John Doe). You should also check to verify that the photographer has provided written permission to post the photo on the OYS web site.

Two New Peer-to-Peer Trainings Offered: The Office of Youth Services is creating a series of peer-to-peer training opportunities for YO! Sites and is offering two new ones: Community Service Learning and the Juvenile Justice Connection. YO! sites are invited to send **one** staff person to these trainings. Space in these workshops is limited so that participants will have an opportunity to have very intense, hands-on training that allows them to return to their sites ready to implement a particular aspect of programming. All of the workshops will provide opportunity for participants to attend a pre-workshop site visit at the host YO! site. **YO! sites are responsible for all travel expenses.** The deadline for submission of names for these workshops is **October 12, 2001.**

Community Service Learning, Boston, MA; November 7 – 9, 2001: Participants in this workshop will learn how to integrate community service learning (CSL) into their programs. Boston’s unique model combines CSL with a transitional employment program, which addresses the

problem of youth with little or no previous work experience. Youth are provided with work experiences of increasing levels of responsibility and difficulty through a variety of on-going community service learning projects.

The Juvenile Justice Connection, Los Angeles, CA; November 14 – 16, 2001: This two-day workshop will help YO! sites to design, develop and sustain strong partnerships with juvenile justice agencies. These partnerships will help YO! to better serve youth through alternative sentencing strategies, serving YO! youth in detention centers, after-care (transitioning into the communities from detention centers, conditions of parole), handling of bench warrants and intervention on family support issues and dealing with issues of confidentiality. Members of the Los Angeles YO! site and their community partners from the Juvenile Justice system will present this workshop.

For more information on either of these workshops please contact Anne Stom at 202/693-3377 or astom@doleta.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers scholarships on a competitive basis for community college, four-year college, and graduate students of Hispanic heritage.

Awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

For more information: <http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/CollegeRetention.html>

Application Deadline: October 15, 2001

Contact: College Scholarship Program Application, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, One Sansome Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, CA 94104

September is Nonprofits & Technology month at the Foundation Center: The Foundation Center has put together a collection of annotated links to some of the best technology-related resources for nonprofits on the Web. The list is intended to provide a convenient starting point for your further explorations of this large and important area. <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/npotech/>

PUBLICATIONS/WEB SITES

Partnerships with Business and the Community: The Eisenhower National Clearinghouse for Mathematics and Science Education has compiled a series of articles on how school-community-business partnerships can benefit student learning. The articles address partnership basics; and describe school partnerships with corporations, government and nonprofit organizations, local businesses and universities. ENC, Ohio State University, 1929 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1079, 800.621.5785, info@enc.org. To download the articles, go to: www.enc.org/focus/partners/0,1950,,00.shtm.

The Welfare Information Network (WIN), a clearinghouse for information, policy analysis & technical assistance on welfare reform, has issued a new report **Older Teens in TANF Families -- Overcoming Barriers to Self-Sufficiency** that can be found at <http://www.welfareinfo.org/youthtransitionissuenote.htm>.

Institute for Women in Trades, Technology & Science (IWITTS): IWITTS provides training, e-strategies, publications and technical assistance nationally to the education system and employers to integrate women into technology and law enforcement careers. Their website <http://www.iwitts.com/html/iwitts.html>

National Institute for Literacy has launched an American Literacy Directory at <http://www.literacydirectory.org/> that will allow people to search for a variety of literacy programs in their areas.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October

October 1, 2001: Deadline to apply for Youth Offender Initiative: Reentry Grant and Demonstration Grant Programs. For more information, go to the DOL ETA web site: <http://wdsc.doleta.gov/sga/sga.asp>.

October 18 – 21, 2001: Film workshop for YO! grantees in Philadelphia, PA. E-mail astom@doleta.gov for more information.

October 24, 2001: National Disability Mentoring Day, a cooperative effort between the Department of Labor, the Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities and the AAPD.

October 28 - November 2 in Leesburg, Va: Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute

November

November 1-3, 2001: Search Institute "Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Conference" in Indianapolis, IN. For more information, visit: www.search-institute.org/hchy.

November 7 – 9, 2001: Community Service Learning workshop for YO! grantees in Boston, MA. E-mail astom@doleta.gov for more information.

November 14 – 16, 2001: The Juvenile Justice Connection workshop for YO! grantees in Los Angeles, CA. E-mail astom@doleta.gov for more information.

December

December 5-7, 2001 – Second Annual Region V Youth Development Conference: Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, Chicago, IL. For more information, see <http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Home/index.cfm>.

December 16 - 21 in San Diego, California: Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute

2002

March 20-23, 2002: National Service Learning Conference at the Seattle Convention Center.
Applications are available on the NYLC web site at: <http://www.nylc.org/conference2002/>



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(Signature of participant)

(Signature of parent/legal guardian if participant is under 18)

Date